

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 10/787,320)	Examiner: Patrick A. Darno
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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR)	Confirmation No.: 4321
PROVIDING SNAPSHOT)	
CAPABILITIES IN A STORAGE)	
VIRTUALIZATION)	
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

The listed documents were cited in the Office Action dated October 9, 2007, in Application Serial No. 10/787,321. Copies of the United States Patents and Patent Application Publications are not enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

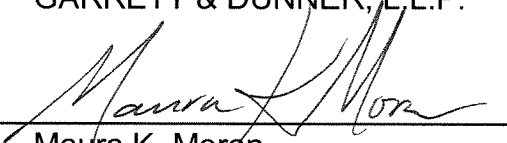
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants believe no fee is due. However, if there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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